

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this Application as amended is respectfully requested.

A Terminal Disclaimer is submitted herewith to overcome the double-patenting rejection.

The independent claims have been amended to incorporate the subject matter of dependent claim 10, 21, 36, and 47 (now cancelled) which were merely objected to. Claims 52-87, which were withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected invention, have been cancelled. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional patent application with regard to the subject matter of these cancelled claims.

New claims 88-91 have been added to cover certain features of the invention more specifically.

In view of the amendment of the independent claims, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and § 103(a) are moot.

All of the claims remaining in this application are believed to be allowable, including claims to the non-elected species in view of the allowability of the generic claims.

This application is now believed to be clearly in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this

paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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